

NEWCASTLETON CC FEEDBACK ON SPEEDING MEASURES UPDATE 29-5-24

1. **Offer of police program to support speeding measures using speed guns locally/volunteers.** Reviewed the paperwork:

- a. Vetting forms seem onerous but prob necessary.
- b. Presumably, most volunteers retired accessing copies of their p45 or p60's will be challenging.
- c. Minimum of **3 volunteers present at every site**. Why?
- d. What is this purpose, there isn't capacity to host 3 people in the right target spots.
- e. Mandatory equipment costs will be high.
- f. This could be used as a rotation with other CC catchments, so we have it for 1-month, Southdean, Hawick, Denholm etc. BUT it will fall to NDCC to co-ordinate this and this is an additional burden on members.
- g. Phillipa Gilhooley/SBC have cash for road safety measures; funding can be sought from this and sanctioned by elected members, but it needs wider community engagement with the other CCs to make it effective and to get value for money for the kit.

This is a pilot; it needs a strategy and an exit plan – what is this:

- h. What feedback is planned to give community post actions by the police – how effective has it been?
- i. What measurement criteria is deems the pilot a success, what happens if it is?

Better road calming measures and village signage is prob easier than managing this.

Action: does CC progress or not?

2. **Road safety – school (review meeting BE/AJ/KMcG/WMc/Bella/Reece (pupils) 29-5-24)** Feedback from parents/teachers walk to school initiative issues: school survey sent to all parents and teachers *pre the buildouts*. 50 responses - only 18 (approx. 1/3rd) made any comments of concern.

Common issues raised: road end obstruction/parking at school/speeding

Actions for SBC agreed:

1. Speed signage not operating as it should – changing to mains not solar to ensure this is operational. SBC actioning this so that signage operational for return to school/summer period.
2. Children reported deterioration of paw prints and elephant mats/ being replaced at request of the children.
3. School signage to be moved on south side of Douglas Square/blocked by campervan to south end of Douglas Square on electronic sign/old sign to be removed. Sign on north end considered fine.
4. *Park and stride* being reintroduced for Autumn term; participation would be rewarded with house points/items for road safety; bands, bag reflectors etc.

To Agree at CC:

- Parked cars/lorries obscuring view of build outs on setts.
- SBC proposed white hatched lines or a white line to make space more prominent and to indicate keep clear. *CC to confirm feedback for this to be actioned before schools return in Aug.*
- AJ suggested 4 more pencil posts from Douglas Square side (2) and opposite to Philips corner end. Requested these be coloured pencils. *BE shared issues raised by community about the colours last time and requested commonality be continued.* AJ asked for his views to be shared at the CC to express his request for higher visibility using coloured pencils. BE stressed need for accessibility and no parking restrictions in a formal sense as space was valuable for events and well used without issue normally.

The group discussed the new build out and reduced visibility due to vehicles parking very close by. Lining options to be considered through the CC/Councillors **Action:** Karen to send plans of 2 options for consideration. (*see below*)

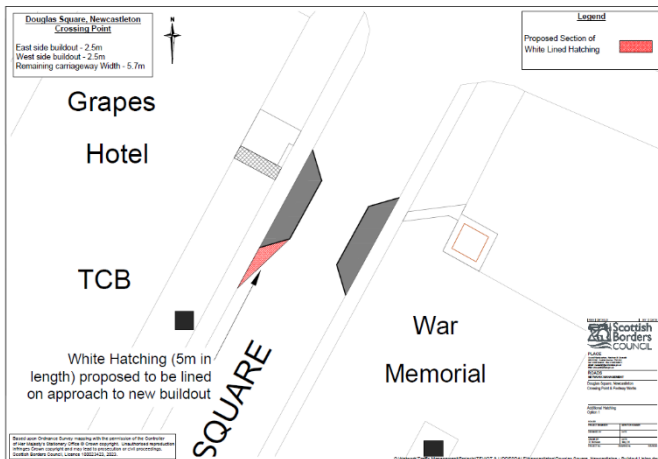
Pencil bollards or bollards were discussed in the vicinity of Philip's Corner, dependant on agreement with Councillors and the Community Council and the required footway width being maintained. Andy was keen on bright coloured pencils based on road safety for pupils. **Action:** Barbara to take forward with CC.

School finger post sign (black & white) erected on a pole. **Action:** Barbara to discuss at CC

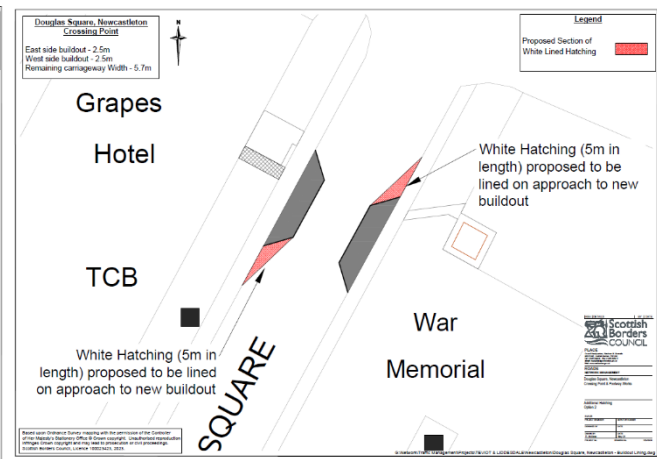


Also available in green and blue.

Slow down markings north/south of build-outs



Option 1 southern approach only



option 2 northern and southern approaches

3. Road safety awareness campaign

NDCT/ Innov8 are considering a road safety effort with the young people over the summer hols, more work before details shared but if young people receptive this would be a brilliant way to kick start any awareness measures.

4. New pavement North end

Pavement requested north end; ongoing walk to school initiatives, increased need for pathway given NDCT investment in active leisure on Holm Hill. Need to ensure safety for all users at all times of year. Investment in 20MPH currently not slowing down traffic to enough degree to provide any sense of protection to users.

DECISIONS REQUIRED:

1. Progress or not the police speeding initiative?
2. Hatching or white lines south side of build out?
3. New pencils x 4 at crossing point from Douglas Square build out corner to Philips corner/Montague Street and what colour?
4. New electric sign – where should it be located, assuming the one at the mart gets moved further north? Langholm Street?
5. Request additional calming measures on approaches north and south?
6. Reinforce need to extend pavement/path north end of the village to at least Head bridge access to Holm Hill (exit of sawmill/crow wood walks, soon to include the new link to Blackburn up to Viewpoint (Lord Walters seat))